

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

October 21, 2025 at 5:30pm

Mayor Kody Jurgens opened the meeting with council members Aaron Hurt, Rachel Lopez, Jon Koehn, and Kyle Patterson present. Jordan Van Ness was absent.

Mayor Jurgens opened the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Pleasantville Urban Revitalization Area. City Clerk/Admin, Rachel Reed, explained that the city is updating the Urban Revitalization Plan, this plan allows the city to offer tax abatement for new construction. Adam Krichau asked if the tax abatement is approved through a city council vote. Reed explained that a new application will be available and once it is filled out it will be placed on an agenda for the council to vote on. There were no other written or verbal questions or comments. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to close the public hearing. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor Jurgens informed the council that there is a strong likelihood that the Pleasantville football team will host the district game on Oct. 31st. He is concerned about trick-or-treat being scheduled for that evening from 6-8pm and the potential for increased traffic so he would like the council to consider moving the date or the times. Council member Hurt commented that the road closure would need amended by a request but could move trick-or-treat time up from 4:30-6:30pm and others can continue to pass out candy until 8pm if they would like. Jurgens informed the council that he talked to the PYI about their event, they have a food truck scheduled and they would be able to move that time up and have more of a tailgate event.

Council member Lopez explained that she has had citizens talk to her about kids riding their bikes and on their phones at the same time. Police Chief, Adam Choat, explained that he could talk to the kids about bike safety during the elementary safety talk.

Public Works Director, Shawn Breazeale, informed the council that he is working on the next phase of the park path lighting. He explained that he is switching brands of lights because the cost of the current lights is now \$563 per light, the brand he is switching to is \$285 per light. He had one sent, and they are the same height and same color, just a little different light style. Hurt asked if there is a smooth transition along the path to the new style. Breazeale explained that this phase will be from the pond to Pleasant St.

Parks and Rec Director, Jordan Flaws, informed the council that he has a rug painting event this weekend with about 25 signed up already. Football is over and he is in the process of getting schedules ready for basketball. Basketball has over 80 kids signed up, and wrestling has over 70 kids signed up.

Police Chief, Adam Choat, informed the council that Lenger is about halfway through the academy and continues to show improvement and he is starting to enjoy it. The speed trailer is up and running again thanks to public works, he plans to deploy it around town where speed is an issue. Choat explained he is looking at an accreditation program, the accreditation is going to be federally mandated to be eligible for federal grants. He explained that a group of smaller agencies throughout the state are going to start the process of doing it together and he would like to get the Pleasantville department on board with them. He will be exploring it further throughout the winter.

Library Director, JoEllen Glick, informed the council that the library just got done with the pumpkin painting party on Saturday, Marion County Conservation done story time on Monday, and they just completed the Pokémon Club today. They are now getting ready for the art and tree festival that will be taking place Nov. 29 - Dec. 10. Other upcoming events include a toy drive, letters to Santa, and a children's holiday party.

Engineer, Joey Whitehouse, explained to the council that the traffic study has been completed at the intersection of W Pleasant St. and Hwy 5. The DOT data showed about 7100 vehicles at that intersection both north and south bound and this data shows about 9600 vehicles, about 35% higher than the data listed by the DOT. Hurt asked what the council intends to do with the data. Patterson explained that this data is requested when having discussions for commercial development.

Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, informed the council that the property owner of 300 S Columbus St. have been served and they are to appear in court at a pre-trial conference, which he will also attend, on Nov. 10th. At that time, the court will see if they want to plea to the charges or set a trial date. He also explained to the council that he has had discussions with the county attorney and Mr. Adkins' attorney. The issue that has been raised by Mr. Adkins' attorney is regarding the required minimum assessment of \$2,000,000. They feel the minimum assessment was supposed to be on the entire property. Stuyvesant explained to them that the assessment is for Mr. Adkins' building. The trial date has not been rescheduled yet and discussions will continue.

Kenny Bentley asked if the property that was discussed is for development. Mayor Jurgens explained it is the Adkins Development west of the bypass.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of September 2025 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for

September 2025, approval of employee comp time, approval of Police Report, and approval of the following bills:
All voting in favor, motion carried.

ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	COPIER	209.77	MEDIACOM	STREET DEPT	176.15
ADVANTAGE ADMINS	GROUP INSURANCE	52.5	MICHAEL FREDERICK	BOOKS	50
ADVANTAGE ADMIS	MEDICAL	50	MICROBAC LABS	TESTING	826.25
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	WATER CONTRACT	248	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	5,643.64
BANLEACO	LED LIGHTING	297.11	PEOPLES BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX	45
BLUE SOMBRERO	ACH FEE	6	PEOPLES BANK	ANALYSIS CHARGE	4.09
BOBS CUSTOM TROPHIES, INC	FOOTBALL TROPHIES	162	PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE	711
BROWN SANITATION	RECYCLING	810	POSTMASTER	WATER BILLS	347.09
CARGILL, INC.	SOFTENER SALT	4,770.57	QUILL CORPORATION	SEALS/ENVELOPES	72.57
CENTRAL IOWA TOWING	TIRE SERVICE	85.6	RICH THOMAS	STUMP REMOVAL	100
Chris Perez Van Dam	DJ/COMEDIAN SHOW	500	SANGOMA USA INC	PHONE SYSTEM	196.08
CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE	WA UTILITIES	316.66	M. SHINN TRUCKING	SOFTENER SALT	777.17
CRAIG CLARK CONSTRUCTION	PATCH/MANHOLE/SIDEWALK/LABOR	2,300.00	T-MOBILE	COMMUNICATIONS	52.6
COWDEN SANITATION	SEPT/OCT SANITATION	350	U S CELLULAR	COMMUNICATIONS	314.65
IOWA DNR	WATER SUPPLY FEE	115	VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	ST SWEEPER FITTING	28.82
DOLLAR GENERAL	WATER/BATTERIES/CONT BAG	67.7	VEENSTRA AND KIMM	TRADE PERMIT	75
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	URBAN REV PLAN	2,487.00	VSP	VISION	233.43
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	6,074.03	WASTE SOLUTIONS	PORTABLE TOILETS	206
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	6,096.32	WELLMARK	GROUP INSURANCE	14,366.50
ELITE PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	40	Accounts Payable Total		75,885.33
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	FLG KIT/2 MACH10	3,253.24	600	WATER	280.54
GALLS, LLC	PATCHES/PANT/HATS/BUTTON	195.3		Refund Checks Total	280.54
GO EARN IT	SINGLETs	1,080.00	Payroll Checks		39,027.75
HARVEY ELECTRIC	POLES SET AT POND	270	*** REPORT TOTAL ***		115,193.62
MARION CO HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL	417.5	GENERAL		51,658.04
I & S GROUP, INC	ZONING/COUNCIL/TRAFFIC/WA	1,573.75	ROAD USE TAX		10,756.56
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	WARRENT SYSTEM JULY-SEPT	300	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		13,214.85
ICONIC APPAREL	BASKETBALL UNIFORMS	3,575.00	CAPITAL PROJ-ADKINS		9,998.00
ILEA	LENGER ACADEMY TRAINING	4,800.00	CAP PROJ-WA QUALITY		270
LAKEFRONT LIVING, LLC	sweatshirts	57	WATER		20,749.04
LAKEFRONT LIVING, LLC	BB COACH SHIRTS	1,073.00	SEWER		8,537.13
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	LIFE INS	250.41	STORM WATER		10
MARION COUNTY EXPRESS	PUBLICATIONS	25.83	TOTAL FUNDS		115,193.62
MARION COUNTY RURAL WATER	WATER LINE FOR 35TH PL	9,750.00			

Revenue received during month of September 2025: General Fund \$56,377.22; Road Use Tax \$26,361.28; Employee Benefits \$15,665.72; Local Option Sales Tax \$26,940.28; TIF \$4,547.64; Debt Service \$19,557.63; Capital Proj.-Park Path Lights \$450; Water \$46,166.98; Sewer \$53,168.84; Storm Water \$2,143.38.

New Business:

Louis Plude informed the council that 4th annual Christmas on The Square event will be held November 29th from 4-7pm. This years events include; carriage rides by Peoples Bank, Santa and cookie decorating at Lakefront Living, hot chocolate from Smokey Row, wine tasting at Realty On Group (Michelle Greene's office), festival of trees at the library, inflatables in the memorial hall, high school choir will be here from 6-6:30pm to sing their Christmas carols, the tree lighting will be at 6:30pm, and Halftime will have a Christmas drink special all evening. The high school choir will have a large candy cane arch with additional lighting to gather around this year. They will also be adding a large walk-through tunnel with 2400 lights on the SE corner of the square. They have also booked a professional photographer for the 2 Sundays following the Christmas on The Square event. This event will give families an opportunity to get professional pictures taken at no cost. Patterson asked if they would need any street closures for the event. Louis explained that last year the road closures were more of an inconvenience. The council gave thanks and appreciation to Louis and everyone involved with planning this event. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Koehn to approve the Christmas on The Square event. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve Resolution 25-16, stating the intentions of the city council with regard to the designation of the Pleasantville Urban Revitalization Area and the proposed plan therefor. All voting in favor motion carried.

Chief Choat explained to the council that over the last few months the department has been down to one vehicle due to the 2021 Tahoe being out of commission. He explained that Prairie City reached out to him because they are selling their 2019 Dodge Charger and he would like to have it as a backup police vehicle. They replaced the engine in it last year and put new tires on it this year. The new engine has about 20,000 miles on it, and the car itself has 100,000 miles on it. Chief Choat shared information from a site that sells police vehicles, one like the one he is looking at went for \$13,800 without equipment. He currently has \$30,000 in his vehicle replacement fund and

with this fiscal year transfer will have \$40,000. Prairie City is taking out the radio, radar, computer, and car camera. They are leaving everything else installed. Hurt asked how many miles are on the current vehicles and what the plan is to get a new one. Choat informed them that the 2019 Tahoe has about 65,000 and the 2021 has about 50,000. He plans to trade the 2019 in 2-3 years from now and in the future, he would like to have a schedule of replacing the vehicles every 4 years. Choat explained that a new radio is \$4,800, but he can get a used one for the car for \$1,000-\$1,500. Jurgens asked what the cost will be to decal the Charger, Choat estimated \$600-\$800. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to approve the purchase of the 2019 Dodge Charger from Prairie City for \$9,500. All voting in favor motion carried.

Chief Choat explained to the council that he would like to promote Officer Eysink to Lieutenant and give him a \$1 per hour pay increase. Jurgens explained, with his total years of service the \$1 increase would put his wages where they would be according to the pay scale the council approved. Motion by Lopez, seconded by Patterson to promote Officer Eysink to Lieutenant with a \$1 per hour increase. All voting in favor motion carried.

Breazeale informed the council that the City of Newton has ordered a new street sweeper and will be selling their old one. It's a Freightliner chassis with at Johnson vacuum and is in great condition. Breazeale has been in contact with the Newton public works director, and they would like to get \$40,000-\$50,000. Because of their policies they won't sell it privately, it will most likely be sold at auction. If it sells at auction, we will have to pay 10% buyer fees. Breazeale is concerned that it will be listed before the November council meeting. He explained that we have budgeted \$35,000 for a newer street sweeper. He would like to take \$10,000 from his valve replacement fund, there is \$35,000 budgeted for valves, but he only plans to put in 4 valves in the next year. Jurgens expressed that we have spent a significant amount on repairs on our old street sweeper, therefore, he is in favor of purchasing a newer model. Motion by Lopez, seconded by Patterson to approve up to \$45,000 for the purchase of a street sweeper.

Council member Patterson would like to require an off-duty peace officer present for events anytime alcohol is served outside the premises vs. only requiring it with 150 or more in attendance. Reed explained that she can modify the ordinance and present at the next council meeting. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to table Ordinance No. 2502-2025. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Lopez, seconded by Hurt to approve Resolution 25-17, appointing 2 new trustees to the Library Board of Trustees. Sarah Reid, a rural resident filling the vacancy of the 4-year term ending 2027 (vacancy from resignation of Jazmin Morrison) and Sarah Chambers, a city resident for a 4-year term ending 2029. All voting in favor motion carried.

Old Business:

Breazeale and Reed explained to the council that they have been working with IAMU and the attorney to figure out a cost share or rate for rural water. They account for 48% of the water we produce, therefore, considering they should have some kind of buy in for the new system in addition to a rate increase. The council and mayor agree that they should be paying the same rate as the citizens and have an escalator in the contract for the cost of a new system. Engineer, Joey Whitehouse, informed the council that they are ready to submit the disadvantage community analysis application to the DNR. If approved, it will add an extension on the compliance schedule to allow the city to get funding in order and figure out the long-term plan. He explained they have talked to IAMU as well and after looking at the rate studies they are taking a step back and looking at other options to figure out the best long-term plan.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to adjourn. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk